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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Masaki Katoh et al.

Application No.: 10/620,692

Confirmation No.: 9309

Filed: July 17, 2003

Art Unit: 2655

For:

OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING

MEDIUM, WITH AT LEAST ONE INCONSECUTIVE PART, AND RECORDING APPARATUS

Examiner: Gautam R. Patel

#### **REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2004 (Paper No. 20040828), Applicants submit that the pending claims of the present application are claims 10-18 and not claims 1-9. Applicants note that claims 1-9 have been canceled and claims 10-18 have been added in a First Preliminary Amendment filed on July 17, 2003 concurrently with the filing of the present application. Copies of the as-filed First Preliminary Amendment and of the return postcard indicating the July 17, 2003 filing date are attached.

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Examination and allowance of claims 10-18 are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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# FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

#### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

# **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

## **SPECIFICATION**

| There are no amendments to the specification.                         |       |
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| X Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a sep section. | arate |

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# **CLAIMS**

There are no amendments to the claims.

X A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.